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SUBJECT: TUNA DISPUTE

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1. ANALYSIS REFTEL APPRECIATED. OPTIONS FOR RESOLVING SEIZURES PROBLEM UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION INCLUDING DECISIONS REGARDING PURCHASE OF LICENSES AND ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS.

2. THIS DISPUTE HAS REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS BEYOND CONTEXT OF SITUATION IN ECUADOR WHICH ALSO AFFECT OUR DECISION. FOR EXAMPLE, COULD INDUSTRY CONTINUE TRADITIONAL FISHING IF ALL STATES OF REGION DEMANDED SIMILAR LICENSES AND ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS?

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3. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BENEFIT OF LATEST GOE THINKING ON POSSIBILITY FOR REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION. FOR THIS PURPOSE WE ARE CONSIDERING SENDING AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK SENIOR OFFICIAL PREPARED TO DISCUSS JURIDICAL ASPECTS AND ANY OTHER REMAINING POSSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. THIS COULD BE JOHN NORTON MOORE, PRESIDENT'S DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

4. ANY FURTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO VISIT BY MOORE ARE REQUESTED URGENTLY. FYI: INTERAGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS OPTIONS WILL BE HELD AT 1730 ON THURSDAY, FEB. 13, AND ANY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS YOU COULD PROVIDE BY THAT TIME WOULD BE WELCOMED. INGERSOLL

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